

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A docking station for a mobile computing device such as, for example, a Palm PC, a personal digital assistant, a cellular phone, or any of a variety of other types of handheld computing devices which have their own LCD displays. The docking station provides a variety of functions to the mobile computing device including: telephone, videophone, fax, digital answering machine, printing, keyboard, modem, internet access digital interface ports for connection to a variety of peripherals including scanners, cameras, disk drives and a number of other peripherals in addition to providing the two typical functions of existing docking stations, i.e., providing power charging to the mobile computing device's rechargeable battery and providing a digital connection between the mobile computing device and a personal computer.

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